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## City Council Selects Hotel Developer for Downtown Parcel

The Raleigh City Council voted unanimously, April 17, to select Summit Hospitality Group, Ltd., to develop a hotel on a vacant City-owned site near the Raleigh Convention Center.

City staff was authorized to negotiate a development agreement with the Raleigh-based-firm. Council members also directed that the City's Appearance Commission be involved in the process prior to consideration of a hotel site plan.

The vacant City-owned 0.51-acre site for the planned hotel is bordered by Salisbury, Lenoir and South streets on the south end of Downtown. Studies have shown that this site is suitable for mixed use, including restaurant, hotel, residential or office uses. Recently, several development groups have expressed an interest in developing a hotel on the property.

The City of Raleigh, Downtown Raleigh Alliance and other Downtown advocates want to attract more hotel rooms to the city center. This would allow the Raleigh Convention Center to host larger conferences and events. Summit Hospitality Group was one of three firms to respond to the City's request-for-proposals for the project. A committee consisting of City staff members and representatives of the Downtown Raleigh Alliance reviewed the proposals and conducted interviews with the firms.

The committee gave the highest rating to the proposal submitted by Summit Hospitality Group. Proposals submitted by Raleigh Prime Investors, LLC, and Noble DLR Group were rated second and third, respectively. Summit Hospitality Group is conceptually proposing an 11-story hotel with a total of 148,750 square feet. The hotel would have 140 to 154 rooms, restaurant and retail space on the first floor, a rooftop terrace and parking in a nearby City deck. If negotiations with Summit Hospitality Group are not successful, the City will attempt to negotiate a development agreement with the next highest rated firm, which would be Raleigh Prime Investors, LLC.



## City to Hold Design Review for Traffic-Calming Projects

A design review for two proposed major traffic-calming projects will be held during the Raleigh City Council's meeting on June 5 at 7 p.m. Input from citizens will be accepted at the design review. The City Council unanimously agreed to have the design review for the following proposed traffic-calming projects:

- Kaplan Drive from Melbourne Road to Kent Road; and,
- Brookside Drive from Watauga Street to Glascock Street.

Both projects meet requirements in the City's Neighborhood Traffic Management Program policy, which covers traffic-calming projects. This includes completing a petition of support signed by at least 75 percent of the property owners along the impacted street and holding two public workshops on the projects. Traffic-calming projects are designed to reduce speeding on neighborhood streets. They include a combination of public education, police enforcement and changes to the roadway in order to reduce speeding by motorists traveling through neighborhoods. The roadway changes may include the installation of curb extensions, bulb-outs, median islands, speed humps or traffic tables.

For more information contact Eric Lamb 919-516-2161.

## Proposed Budget to Include Funding for Open-Source Government

The Raleigh City Council has voted to include funding in the upcoming proposed budget for a hosted open data catalogue, one of the steps City staff has identified for Raleigh to become an open-source government. The vote on was 6-2.

City Manager J. Russell Allen will present a proposed City budget for Fiscal Year 2012-13 at the council's May 15 meeting. The council directed Mr. Allen to set aside \$50,000 for the hosted open data catalogue in the budget proposal. The City Council must adopt a budget no later than July 1.

On Feb. 7, the City Council unanimously approved a resolution stating its intent to foster "open" government by encouraging the use of open-source systems in ensuring open access to data. City staff has developed steps that need to be implemented for Raleigh to become an open-source government. One of those steps is a hosted open data catalog solution.

Open data is:

- Produced in the delivery of City services;
- Published in computer readable and standard formats;
- Timely and current;
- Accessible to everyone without needing City staff assistance; and,
- Free to use and reuse as users see fit.

Residents and other users would benefit from the hosted open data catalog by being able to:

- View open data online;
- Download data in various formats; and,
- Have data imbedded in websites or smartphone application.

## City Advisory Commission to Study Possible Legislation on Road, Sidewalk Projects

The City of Raleigh's Stormwater Management Advisory Commission will study a proposal to ask the North Carolina General Assembly to approve legislation regarding standards for new local road and sidewalk projects. City of Durham officials wants Raleigh to join them in seeking the legislation.

The Raleigh City Council decided on April 17 to refer the matter to the Stormwater Management Advisory Commission. The advisory commission will report back to the council.

Under the plan, the General Assembly would be asked to approve a law requiring that standards for new local road and sidewalk projects be the same as those applied by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) on new state road projects. The legislation would be aimed at protecting water quality in the Falls Lake watershed.

For state road and road widening projects in the Falls Lake watershed, NCDOT complies with the state's Falls Lake rules, adopted in 2010, if they meet the Neuse buffer rules. The proposal before Raleigh would ask state lawmakers to apply these same standards to local road and sidewalk projects. The Falls Lake rules are designed to reduce harmful levels of nitrogen and phosphorous in the lake, a primary source of drinking water in the area.

The Stormwater Management Advisory Commission is the official citizen advisory board to the Raleigh City Council on issues related to stormwater and drainage management policy. The advisory commission has 10 members who are appointed by the City Council.

## Join the Triangle Green Business Challenge, April 23

Triangle J Council of Governments, a nonprofit government agency comprised of seven counties (Chatham, Durham, Johnston, Lee, Moore, Orange and Wake) has been chosen by the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives Local Governments for Sustainability to participate in Green Business Challenge.

The Triangle Green Business Challenge encourages area businesses and commercial building owners to improve the efficiency and sustainability of their day-to-day operations. The Green Business Challenge assists companies in discovering and implementing green measures such as reduction on energy usage, water consumption and waste. The initiative also educates businesses about methods to make smarter choices in purchasing and work-related travel. The savings translate to improved bottom lines, with environmental benefits and potential productivity gains.

Participants are given a scorecard to track their improvements in resource efficiency and commitment to sustainability over a period of eight months. The Triangle J Council of Governments will host a kick-off event on Monday, April 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Research Triangle Park headquarters, 12 Davis Drive. At 5:00 p.m. a program overview will be presented along with a question-and-answer period and an opportunity for business to sign up for the eight-month challenge.



An awards ceremony in December will recognize the overall point leader in each category:

- Retail,
- Hospitality,
- Light Industrial/Manufacturing and;
- Professional

A "Momentum" award will be given in each category to recognize the organization tallying the largest point increase between April and December.

The City of Raleigh Office of Sustainability is using this initiative as the centerpiece for outreach efforts in the local commercial sector. City staff presented the Green Business Challenge to Small Disadvantaged Minority and Women Owned Business training attendees and has encouraged the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce member's to participate in the program. In addition, staff has contacted Raleigh firms to weigh in on the scorecard, and is acting as a resource connection point for businesses interested in implementing the initiative's green steps.

For more information, visit the Triangle Green Business Challenge website at <http://www.trianglegreenbusiness.com> or contact the City of Raleigh Office of Sustainability at 919-996-3840.

## Historic Church Damaged By Tornado Receives City Loan

The Raleigh City Council approved a request by the Raleigh Historic Development Commission for \$91,000 from the Preservation Revolving Loan Fund to assist with the stabilization and rehabilitation of the Gethsemane Seventh Day Adventist Church, 501 South Person Street.

The 1920 Gethsemane Seventh Day Adventist Church is located in the South Person Street/South Blount Street Historic Overlay District and the East Raleigh-South Park National Register Historic District. It is the first Seventh Day Adventist church in Raleigh and it is believed to be the second oldest in the state. The building was significantly damaged by the April 2011 tornado and was recently saved from demolition due to unsafe building code violations.

The loan will be made from the City of Raleigh to the City's Raleigh Historic Development Commission. The Raleigh Historic Development Commission will then loan the funds to the current owner of the property with the loan secured by a promissory note and a deed of trust administered by the City of Raleigh Community Development Department. The loan terms are for 24 months with a punitive rate taking affect if the loan is not repaid in that time. Upon repayment the Raleigh Historic Development Commission will return the funds to the City revolving loan fund. The terms of the loan include a preservation easement agreement and a rehabilitation agreement,

The Preservation Loan Fund is designed to work as a revolving fund. Funds are lent to assist in providing gap financing for historic preservation projects. Loan repayments reimburse the fund and makes the funds available for future projects. Any non-profit charitable organization with historic preservation among its objectives and purposes is eligible to apply to the City of Raleigh for funding. All requests are considered on a case-by-case

basis. The fund acts as a reserve, and is intended to respond to opportunities and threats to Raleigh historic properties when they arise. The fund provides a predictable and responsible way for the City to anticipate and respond to historic preservation needs.

For more information contact Martha Lauer, Planning and Development Department at 919-516-2649.

## SAFEchild Works to Stop Child Abuse

There were 21 reported incidents of child abuse daily in Wake County in 2011. Researchers believe that number could actually be three times higher, according to SAFEchild.

As Wake County's only non-profit child abuse prevention agency that provides direct services to families, SAFEchild wants to make child abuse a thing of the past. According to its mission statement, SAFEchild is committed "to eliminating child abuse in Wake County by helping adults and children create nurturing environments free of abuse and neglect."

Here are more facts about child abuse as provided by SAFEchild:

- Child abuse does not discriminate due to socio-economic factors. It is committed by educated and undereducated parents and occurs in wealthy and poor families and across every ethnic and racial group;
- More than five children die every day in this country from abuse and neglect; and,
- Without intervention, 30 percent of abused children will later abuse their own children, continuing a vicious cycle that adversely impacts the community's well-being and prosperity.

Established in 1992, SAFEchild offers child abuse prevention programs and services to parents, caregivers and family members. A staff of certified professional coordinators oversees activities at SAFEchild, which has offices at 864 W. Morgan St. Volunteers also assist at the agency.

SAFEchild's programs build strong families and protect children by working with families to:

- Break hurtful parenting practices and replace them with positive nurturing skills;
- Empower children to protect themselves;
- Support first-time mothers; and,
- Help young victims of abuse begin to heal.

SAFEchild serves more than 900 families and 6,500 children annually. In 2010, the agency opened the SAFEchild Advocacy Center to assist abused children by coordinating protection and facilitating criminal prosecution.

The City of Raleigh has provided funding support to SAFEchild. The agency was allocated \$25,000 in the City's current budget as part of Raleigh's appropriations to local human services agencies. SAFEchild also is funded by grants and private donations.

For more information about SAFEchild --- including programs and services, how to make a donation and how to become a volunteer - contact the agency at 919-743-6140 or visit [www.safechildnc.org](http://www.safechildnc.org). SAFEchild also can be followed on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/safechildnc](http://www.facebook.com/safechildnc).



## HUD Official to Give Address April 27 at Fair Housing Conference

John Trasviña, assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, will give the keynote address at the 10th Annual Fair Housing Conference on Friday, April 27.

The conference will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton (formerly the Raleigh Brownstone) at 1707 Hillsborough St. The schedule includes continental breakfast from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the conference from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and a networking reception from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The event is sponsored by the City of Raleigh Fair Housing Hearing Board and the Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of North Carolina. Registration for all seats available to the public has reached capacity. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Stacey Lundy in the City of Raleigh Community Services Department at 919-996-6100.

Mr. Trasviña has served as assistant secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity since his confirmation in May 2009. The Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity administers and enforces federal laws and establishes policies that seek to assure all Americans have equal access to housing of their choice.

Before joining the administration of President Barack Obama, Mr. Trasviña served as president and general counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. There, he led the law firm for the Latino community by advancing litigation and public policy in the areas of civil rights, immigration, education and related issues.

In addition to Mr. Trasviña's keynote address, the Fair Housing Conference will include panel discussions on fair lending and on housing discrimination based on gender, disability and national origin.

The City of Raleigh Fair Housing Hearing Board is made up of volunteers appointed by the Raleigh City Council. The board works to promote awareness of fair housing laws. The City's Community Services Department helps to coordinate the Fair Housing Hearing Board's activities.

The Fair Housing Project of Legal Aid of North Carolina provides education on fair housing issues, offers legal representation to those who have been discriminated against, and conducts research on fair housing and predatory lending.

## Mayor McFarlane to Speak At Raleigh's Environmental Awards Ceremony Tuesday

The City of Raleigh's fifth annual Environmental Awards celebration will be held on Tuesday, April 24, in the new Nature Research Center wing of the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences,

121 W. Jones Street. Mayor Nancy McFarlane will welcome attendees and speak on the importance of local partnerships.

A reception honoring the award winners will begin at 6 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. WRAL-TV meteorologist Elizabeth Gardner will be the special guest presenter for the Greater Triangle Stewardship Development awards portion of the program. The public is invited to attend the free event.

The City's Environmental Awards recognizes individuals and organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to the environment in the community. Awards are given in 12 categories including environmental awareness, green design, urban stewardship, and pioneering efforts.

This year also marks the inaugural Donna Jackson Trailblazer video public service announcement awards named for Ms. Jackson, a City of Raleigh retiree who made a significant impact in the Triangle area's civil engineering community. This new competition on water quality drew entries from local college, university and technical school students.

The Greater Triangle Stewardship Development recognizes residential, commercial, and public land developments that demonstrate outstanding environmental stewardship of Raleigh's natural resources.

The Environmental Awards celebration is made possible through generous donations from sponsors who share the vision of environmental stewardship for the Raleigh community. The evening will feature refreshments from local eateries, brewers, and confectioners.

For more information, contact the City of Raleigh Office of Sustainability at 919-996-3840 or visit the City's website, [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

## Viva Raleigh Festival to Connect Residents with Programs, Services May 5

The City of Raleigh's Fourth Annual Viva Raleigh Festival takes place Saturday, May 5, with music, crafts, games and information booths on City programs and nonprofit services.

The festival will run from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Spring Forest Road Park, 4203 Spring Forest Road. Viva Raleigh Festival is open to everyone with no admission charge. Signs will direct festival attendees to free parking.

City of Raleigh departments, nonprofit groups and other organizations will have information tables and exhibits. Food vendors, dancers and musicians will also be on hand, along with entertainment and games for children.

Viva Raleigh is organized by a committee of Raleigh residents under the leadership of the City of Raleigh Community Services Department. For more information about Viva Raleigh, contact Aracelys Torrez at 919-996-5717 or [aracelys.torrez@raleighnc.gov](mailto:aracelys.torrez@raleighnc.gov).



## Council Approves Increases to North Blount Street Master Plan

The Raleigh City Council, on April 17, approved an amendment to the North Blount Street Master Plan MP-1-06 by increasing the number of residential units by 250 and increasing the commercial square footage by 25,000 square feet. The amendment to the master plan includes a mix of land uses allocated among six blocks, increasing the residential units to 745, the square footage of commercial uses to 115,000 square feet, and adds 20,000 square feet of office use.

The 22-acre development site is bounded on the east by Wilmington Street, on the south by E. Peace Street, on the west by N. Person Street, and on the north side of E. Lane Street. The site is zoned Office and Institution-2, Office and Institution-1, Neighborhood Business, Residential-30, Historic Overlay District, Downtown Overlay District and Pedestrian Business Overlay District.

This amendment to the master plan required City Council approval as the increased residential units and square footage of commercial will result in an increase of more than 10 percent in the total number of vehicle trips within the area.

## Lineup Taking Shape at Raleigh Amphitheater

The summer lineup for the Raleigh Amphitheater isn't complete, but nine concerts have been booked so far. The schedule includes:

**April 21** – Dayglow, the world's largest paint party, will feature Felix Cartal, Kevin Focus, and Rob Banks. The party will be hosted by Emir Duru and feature performances by Wildchild World;

**April 29** – The Beach Boys;

**June 12** – Gavin deGraw and Colbie Caillat;

**June 22** – Alice Cooper;

**July 12** – Barenaked Ladies, Blues Traveler, and Big Head Todd and the Monsters;

**July 14** – Everclear, Sugar Ray, Gin Blossoms, Lit, and Marcy Playground;

**August 8** – O.A.R.;

**September 11** – Il Volo; and,

**September 29** – The Fresh Beat Band.

Visit <http://www.raleigh-amphitheater.com/event-calendar> for more information as acts are added to the lineup.



## City of Raleigh and Capital Area Soccer League Announce ROCKS Soccer Program

The City of Raleigh and the Capital Area Soccer League have announced a joint partnership for the new "Raleigh Organized Community Kids Soccer" or ROCKS soccer program.

Raleigh Organized Community Kids Soccer will begin with four, U-12 aged co-ed teams. The teams will be lead by staff members of the City of Raleigh Police and Parks and Recreation Departments as a part of the City's Community Oriented Government initiative. ROCKS will serve Raleigh's youth in high-risk areas.

"Working with the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department to provide more positive activities for our youth is a direct mission of the City Raleigh's Community Oriented Government," adds Harry Dolan, Police Chief. "With our officers acting as coaches, the guidance from our Parks and Recreation Department and Capital Area Soccer League's staff, and our communities working together, this program is a win-win for all involved."

Founded in 1974, the Capital Area Soccer League has been involved in youth recreational soccer for almost 40 years in Wake County and surrounding areas. With close to 8000 youth players seasonally, Capital Area Soccer League is consistently recognized as one of the largest full service soccer clubs in the United States and is a leader in soccer programming. "Globally, soccer has a remarkable ability to unite people and communities," said Charlie Slagle, Capital Area Soccer League chief executive officer. "We are honored to be involved with the program and are hopeful we can grow and include more youth in the very near future."

"We are pleased and completely engaged in our partnership with Capital Area Soccer League" states Diane Sauer, director of the City Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. "We've had a long standing relationship with Capital Area Soccer League. By using our combined resources, we think we can offer a great option for the youth in these identified areas. Capital Area Soccer League's initial investment of almost \$20,000 on registration, uniforms, staff training and equipment will go a long way serving Raleigh's youth."

Games will be played at Brentwood Community Center with practice sites throughout Raleigh's open space parks. Teams also will participate in the Capital Area Soccer League Recreational Cup in May. For more information, contact Dana Youst at 919-831-6688 or visit the Capital Area Soccer League website [www.casinc.com](http://www.casinc.com) and City of Raleigh website at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

## City Council Approves Special Use Permit for Telecommunications Tower

The Raleigh City Council, on April 18, approved a special-use permit for a telecommunications tower located off of Roswell Road east of Falls of Neuse Road and south of Durant Road.

On April 3, the City Council held a hearing to receive evidence on SU-1-12, a request from PT Access Network Tower to issue a special-use permit to allow a telecommunication tower of less

than 250 foot height located in a residential district. The tower will be a 180 foot monopole located on a 13 acre site zoned Rural Residential and Residential-4.

As a result of that hearing and the testimony and other evidence received the City Council made the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- The height of the tower does not exceed 510 feet;
- The tower is not required by the Federal Aviation Administration to be lighted;
- The proposed tower is set back more than the height of the tower from all adjoining property lines;
- The site will be enclosed with a solid wood fence eight feet in height which will be screened with plant material;
- Adequate vegetation exists which will not be disturbed;
- The site is greater than 200 feet from any adjoining property;
- Existing vegetation will be preserved to the maximum extent possible;
- The output power will not exceed the federally approved levels as evidence by the Federal Communications Commission compliance assessment;
- The applicant has reserved space for use by the City of Raleigh and will design the tower to accommodate that use;
- The tower is not closer than 1,500 feet to another tower greater than 75 feet in height;
- The proposed tower is not located within a Historic Overlay District or Metro Park Protection Overlay District;
- The user for the proposed tower will be AT&T Mobility. In addition, the tower will be engineered to accommodate up to three additional users and the City of Raleigh for a total of five users on the tower;
- Sufficient ground space has been reserved to meet the needs of any future users;
- The tower will not be injurious to property or improvements in the area. The proposed tower site adjoins a high voltage transmission line with associated towers and is on a site of a planned electrical substation. On one side of the site, the high voltage transmission lines and right-of-way are between the site of the proposed tower and the adjoining residences. All other sides of the site are surrounded by significant vacant wooded land; and,
- The applicant will need to obtain all permits within six months of approval of the special-use permit and will need to construct the tower within one year of approval of the special use permit or the special-use permit will be void. The applicant also acknowledges that it will remove the tower within 30 days of notice from the chief zoning inspector should the tower be unused for 365 days or more.

For more information contact the City Attorney's office at 919-831-6560.



*Sears Kit House*

## Made to Order: Kit homes in Raleigh Celebrated May 18-19

As a part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the City of Raleigh Historic Development Commission will welcome kit home authority Rosemary Thornton for a series of events on May 18 and 19 to showcase the Capital City's own treasure trove of these architectural gems.

On Friday, May 18, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in partnership with the Raleigh City Museum, the Raleigh Historic District Development Commission will host a reception launching the co-curated exhibit *Made to Order: Kit Homes in Raleigh*. The Raleigh City Museum is located at 220 Fayetteville Street.

Then on Saturday, May 19, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 pm at the Rialto Theater, 1620 Glenwood Avenue join Rosemary Thornton author of the books, "The Houses that Sears Built" and "Finding the Houses that Sears Built" to learn more about the homes. Also on Saturday, May 19, Ms. Thornton will hold a book signing at Third Place, 1811 Glenwood Avenue.

Launched in the early 20th century, kit homes were build-it-yourself houses purchased from catalogs. Companies such as Sears, Roebuck and Company and Aladdin Homes sold standardized house plans and building materials to customers across the country. Reaching the height of popularity in the 1920s, kit homes allowed many the opportunity of homeownership thanks to their affordability and customizable options. The story of this uniquely American trend continues to captivate imaginations today.

The Raleigh Historic Development Commission serves as the City Council's official historic preservation advisory body to identify, preserve, protect, and promote Raleigh's historic resources. For more information, contact Martha Lauer at 919-516-2649 or visit the Raleigh Historic Development Commission website at [www.rhdc.org](http://www.rhdc.org).

Established in 1993, the Raleigh City Museum is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and interpreting the history of North Carolina's capital city. It is housed in the historic Briggs Hardware Building at 220 Fayetteville Street. Admission is free and no tickets are required. For information, call 919-832-3775 or visit [www.raleighcitymuseum.org](http://www.raleighcitymuseum.org).

## Follow the City of Raleigh on Twitter

Looking for the most up-to-date information from the City of Raleigh? Follow your local government via Twitter! Twitter is a free services that allows you to "follow" people or subjects via short, frequent updates. The City of Raleigh now offers Twitter users the opportunity to stay informed about the latest news and breaking events. To join in, visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) and get started with a few simple steps. Once you have an active account, you can elect to "follow" any of the City's Twitter accounts.

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Currently, the City maintains the following accounts:

**RaleighGov** - This feed features links to any news releases and alerts issued by the City of Raleigh;

**RaleighBPAC** - This feed features information from the City of Raleigh Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Commission;

**RaleighParks** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department;

**RaleighPlanning** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Planning and Development Dept.;

**RalCommServices** - This feed features any news and information related to the City of Raleigh Community Services Department;

**RW911** - This feed features traffic accidents reported to the Emergency Communications Center;

**RaleighGoGreen** - This feed features news and information from the City of Raleigh Solid Waste Services Department Recycling program.

To follow any of these, simply choose "Find People" from your Twitter home page and type in the account name you are interested in and then click "follow." It's that easy.

## CITY OF RALEIGH ON FACEBOOK

**City of Raleigh** - The main City of Raleigh Facebook page keeps you informed about events, holidays and other news items.

**City of Raleigh Planning and Development** - The Raleigh Planning and Development page provides guidance for the growth, preservation and development of the City of Raleigh in order to maintain a community of lasting value.

**Community Services Department** - The Community Services Department Facebook page posts a variety of community and neighborhood news, stories, awards, classes and Citizen Advisory Council information.

**Emergency Communications** - The Raleigh-Wake County 911 Facebook page posts information on job openings, public engagement and other 911 related happenings.

**Raleigh Police Department** - The Raleigh Police Department Facebook page focuses on public safety. Posts concerning crime alerts, missing people, requests for citizen assistance and more.

## TRAFFIC ALERTS

For more City of Raleigh News and Updates on Road Closures, Parades and Road Races, visit the City's website at [www.raleighnc.gov](http://www.raleighnc.gov).

### ROAD RACES

**April 21** Traffic will be affected downtown from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for a road race.

Traffic also will be affected for a road race near Quail Corners Shopping Center from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

**April 28** Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m.

**April 29** Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. Runners will assemble at Edenton Street United

Methodist Church. They will proceed west to Hillsborough Street, turn right on Woodburn Road, right on Park, right on Hawthorne, left on Benehan, left on West Park, right on Park, right on East Park, left on College, right on St. Mary's Street, left on Hillsborough Street, and continue on Edenton Street to the church.

**May 6** Traffic will be affected downtown from 1 p.m. until 6 p.m. for a road race. The runners will travel north from the 400 block of Fayetteville Street, turn right on Morgan Street, left on Wilmington Street, left on Edenton Street, left on Salisbury Street, right on Morgan Street, left on Boylan Avenue, left on the westbound lanes of Western Boulevard, left on Wilmington Street, left on Davie Street, left on Fayetteville Street and return to the finish line.

**May 12** Traffic will be affected downtown for a road race from 6 a.m. until 11 a.m.

**May 13** Traffic will be affected from 8 a.m. until 10 a.m. near Wakefield for a roadrace. Runners will enter Sycamore Grove Lane at 8 a.m. and travel north onto Kelway Drive, north to Wakefield Plantation Drive, and return to the YMCA.

**May 19** Traffic will be affected near St. Francis Catholic Church for a road race from 8 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The group will assemble on the grounds of St. Francis Catholic Church. The runners will exit the rear parking lot and enter onto Cape Charles Dr and will turn right on Cape Charles and proceed to Dominion Blvd., left on Dominion to a second of Cape Charles Dr. and turn left on Cape Charles and go to the 2 roundabout where they will turn left again and will continue on this section of Cape Charles to Bells Valley Dr. where they will turn left and proceed back to Cape Charles to turn right on Cape Charles back to Dominion Blvd., and turn right on Dominion and proceed to the first section of Cape Charles. The runners will turn right on Cape Charles and return to the St. Francis Catholic parking lot.

### STREET CLOSINGS

**April 20** The 00 and 100 blocks of W. Jones Street and the 100 and 200 blocks of N. Salisbury Street will be closed from 5 p.m. on April 20 until 5 p.m. on April 21.

**April 21** Traffic will be affected by a street closure from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The 1100 block of the South Saunders Street service road between Grissom Street and Hamel Street will be closed.

Traffic will be affected by a street closure from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The 900 block of S. Bloodworth Street will be closed between Bledsoe Avenue and Lee Street

Also, the 200 block of E. Hargett Street will be closed from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

The 300 block of W. Davie Street will be closed from Dawson to Harrington and Commerce Street from Martin to Davie Street from 6 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The 100 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 3 p.m. until midnight.



**April 22** The 500 block of W. Hargett Street from West Street to just east of the railroad tracks will be closed from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m.

**April 25** The City Plaza area and the 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m.

**April 28** The service road parallel to Glenwood Avenue from Holly Ridge Road to Oak Park Road will be closed from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Also, the 400 block of Fayetteville Street will be closed from Davie Street to the south end of City Plaza from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The 900 block of North Boylan from Wills Forest, north to the dead end will be closed from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**May 4** The 00 block of Hargett Street between Fayetteville Street and Wilmington Street will be closed from 6 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Also, the 200 and 300 blocks Fayetteville Street and the 00 blocks of Davie and Martin Street will be closed 6 p.m. on Friday until Sunday at 2 a.m.

**May 5** The 00 block of Davie Street, the 00 block of Martin Street, and the 300 and 400 blocks of Fayetteville Street will be closed from 7 a.m. until 2 a.m. on May 6.

The 500 block of Branch Street between Garner Road and S. East Street will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, the block of Mangum Street from Branch Street to Bragg will be closed from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. for a street festival.

Also, the 300 and 400 blocks of E. Hargett Street will be closed between Person Street and S. East Street from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Also, the 100 block of S. Bloodworth Street will be closed from Morson to Hargett. The 200 block of S. Bloodworth Street will be closed from Martin Street to Hargett Street.

The 1300 block of Oakwood Avenue between Tarboro Road and St. Augustine Drive will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The 300 block of Pell Street between Person and Bloodworth will be closed from 3 p.m. until 10 p.m.

## PARADES

**April 21** Traffic will be affected from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. near Moore Square for a fundraising walk. The group will enter onto Hargett Street and travel west, turn right on Fayetteville Street, turn right on Morgan Street, merge on New Bern Avenue, right on Swain Street, right on Hargett Street and return to Moore Square. Hargett Street will be closed from Blount Street to Wilmington Street from 11 a.m. until 11:20 a.m. Wilmington Street will be closed between Hargett Street and Morgan Street from 11:05 a.m. until 11:35 a.m. Morgan Street will be closed from Wilmington to New Bern Avenue and Swain Street from 11:05 a.m. until noon. Also, Hargett Street will be closed from Swain Street to Blount Street from 11 a.m. until noon.

**April 28** A short fundraising walk will impact traffic downtown from 11 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. The group will travel from Florence Street to Lenoir Street, turn right on Boylan Avenue, right on Cabarrus Street, right on Florence Street and return to the starting point.

**May 5** Traffic will be affected along Hillsborough Street for a parade from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The parade will follow the same route as the Raleigh Christmas Parade.

**May 28** Traffic will be affected near Mourning Dove Road for a parade from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The group will assemble on the 8300 block of Apple Orchard Way. They will travel south to Mourning Dove Road, left onto Old Deer Trail, left on Clear Brook, left on Mourning Dove, right on Running Cedar Trail, left on Skylark Way to the community pool.

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